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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: RETURN VISIT OF SOVIET "GOVERNORS"

REF: A. MOSCOW 8855

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1. SOVIET EMBASSY (ISAKOV) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT ON INSTRUCTION FROM MOSCOW THAT DELEGATION OF SOVIET GOVERNORS COULD VISIT US ANY TIME BETWEEN OCTOBER 15-NOVEMBER 15. ISAKOV SAID THAT IN ABSENCE OF ANY DIRECT COMMENT ON PROGRAM PROPOSED TO THE SOVIETS BY NATIONAL GOVERNORS CONFERENCE (NGC), HE ASSUMED IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET SIDE (REF C). MEMCON AIRPOUCHED TO EMBASSY.

2. NGC IS DISAPPOINTED THAT SOVIETS ARE UNABLE TO COME DURING DATES ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY IT (SEPTEMBER 16-26).

HOWEVER, NGC AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO NEW TIME FRAME

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PROPOSED BY SOVIETS, BUT WISHES FIRMER INDICATION OF

DELEGATION'S INTERESTS AND REACTION TO PROPOSED PROGRAM THAN HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY ISAKOV. THIS IS

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW FACT THAT A MAJOR FEATURE OF THIS PROGRAM -- PLANNED PARTICIPATION IN SESSION OF WESTERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE ON SEPTEMBER 23 -- IS NOW RULED OUT.

3. NGC IS PREPARED TO WORK OUT NEW PROGRAM AS SOON AS THIS INFORMATION IS RECEIVED, BUT HAS STRESSED NEED FOR PROMPT RESPONSE IN VIEW CROWDED SCHEDULE OF US GOVERNORS INVOLVED.

4. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, EMBASSY REQUESTED APPROACH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN MFA OUTLINING SITUATION ALONG FOREGOING LINES AND SEEKING INFORMATION NEEDED BY NGC ON URGENT BASIS. NGC IS ALSO INTERESTED IN BEING INFORMED OF COMPOSITION OF SOVIET DELEGATION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO ISAKOV.

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